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SUBJECT: PLO DEMARCHE AND "PALESTINE" AS UNGA ITEM

REF: A. ROME 12413; B. LONDON 11751

1. QUAI ISRAEL-JORDAN OFFICER BELLEISSUE TOLD US SEPT 13 THAT AS REPORTED REFS, FIVE-MAN PLO DELEGATION CALLED ON DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE LEVANT ROUILLON SEPT 6 TO EXPLAIN ITS INTEREST IN INCRIBING PALESTINE ITEM ON UNGA AGENDA AND TO SOLICIT FRENCH SUPPORT. ROUILLON REPLIED WITH TRADITIONAL FRENCH POSTURE THAT UNTIL EXACT WORDING OF ITEM KNOWN, FRENCH COULD TAKE NO POSITION. HE CAUTIONED THAT ANY CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL OR IMMODERATE LANGUAGE WOULD
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BE OBJECTIONABLE TO FRENCH.

2. IN GENERAL, THE ARAB TONE WAS MODERATE, AS IS INCREASINGLY COMMON AMONG DELEGATIONS THE ARABS SEND TO EUROPE, BELLEISSUE REMARKED. HE EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT IF THE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM IS NOT EXCESSIVE IN FORM OR SUBSTANCE, FRANCE WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT IT. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE FRENCH ARE SEEKING A COMMON EC POSITION ON THE QUESTION AND THAT THE SWISS HAVE INFORMED THE FRENCH THAT A PLO DELEGATION WILL VISIT BERN NEXT WEEK.

3. REPLYING TO A QUERY, BELLEISSUE SAID THE PALESTINIANS DID NOT RAISE MATTER OF RECOGNITION WITH FRENCH. HE ADDED THAT WHILE PERIODIC ENCOUNTERS HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT THE ROUILLON LEVEL, THUS ESTABLISHING RELATIONS IN FACT, FRANCE HAS NO INTENTION OF ESTABLISHING FORMAL RELATIONS.
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